

Community Fire Protection District

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OPEN-BURNING & RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL FIRES

In regard to open burning & recreational fires, the Community Fire Protection District adheres to the St. Louis County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 612.345 – Open Burning Restrictions. This ordinance states that “all open burning activities throughout the County, in unincorporated and incorporated portions of the County, are prohibited”. An exception is made for recreational fires as long as the following guidelines are adhered to:

1. Recreational fires shall be comprised of only untreated seasoned dry firewood which is free of leaves, needles, yard waste, garbage, rubbish, treated wood, or tree trimmings; and
2. The total cumulative base area of the fire(s) shall not exceed nine (9) square feet; and
3. The recreational fire shall not cause smoke, ash, or particulate matter to remain visible in the air or upon surfaces beyond the property line where the fire is occurring.
4. Fires must be in an approved container not less than 15 feet from any structure or other combustibles.
5. Fire pits shall be clear of overhangs, such as tree branches, utility lines and structures
6. Fires shall be supervised at all times by a person at least 18 years of age.
7. A means of extinguishment shall be available at all times.

APPROVED CONTAINERS

Portable Fire Pits

Portable Fire Pits are those that can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot, or other retail establishments. These pits must be used per the manufacturer's instructions and the guidelines listed above.



Permanent Fire Pits

Permanent Pits are also allowed and can be constructed if a building permit is obtained through the Fire District and your City. District requirements for the construction of permanent fire pits can be found attached. Applicants should also check with their municipality for any additional requirements.

